

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

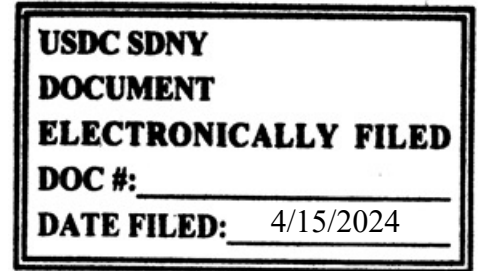
DONNA HEDGES, on behalf of herself and all other
persons similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

-against-

UNIVERSAL TEA COMPANY,

Defendant.



24-CV-02694 (MMG)

ORDER

MARGARET M. GARNETT, United States District Judge:

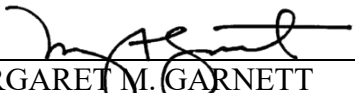
It is hereby ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint upon THE Defendant, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. In their discussions, the parties should consider whether plaintiff has satisfied the threshold requirement of standing. *See e.g., Calcano v. Swarovski N. Am. Ltd.*, 36 F.4th 68, 77–78 (2d Cir. 2022); *Harty v. W. Point Realty, Inc.*, 28 F.4th 435, 443–44 (2d Cir. 2022). To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district’s court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) proceed with an initial status conference.

Counsel who have entered a notice of appearance as of the issuance of this Order are directed (1) to notify counsel for all other parties in this action who have not yet appeared by serving upon each of them a copy of this order and the Court’s Individual Rules & Practices (“Individual Rules”), available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-margaret-m-garnett>, forthwith, and (2) to file proof of such notice with the Court. If unaware of the identity of counsel for any of the parties, counsel receiving this order must forthwith send a copy of this order and the Individual Rules to that party personally.

Dated: April 15, 2024
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.


MARGARET M. GARNETT
United States District Judge